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THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

Hongkong, 30th May, 1895.

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HONGKONG, JUNE 13TH, 1895.

The Sanitary Superintendent, in his report

for 1894, again calls attention to the defective

system of death registration in the colony.

The remarks he made on this subject

in his report for the year 1890, Mr. McCullagh

says, are applicable to the present time, for

nothing has been done since—

he refers to appointment of native medical

practitioners trained to some extent in

Western medicine—beyond medical inspection

of the patients in the Tung Wah Hospital to

ensure that the recorded cause of death is the

real cause from which death occurred.

On turning to the report for 1890, we find

that the records on medical aid are

quoted in a still earlier report, that of 1889.

"The entire want of medical aid,"

Mr. McCullagh wrote that time, "is a great

sanitary defect in public as well as in private

life. As regards public sanitation, without

medical assistance there is no reliable means of ascertaining the amount

of disease or nature of the sickness prevailing

among the people, and the real cause of death

is practically unknown." Then went on to discuss the means by which

the need might be supplied, namely, by

maintaining a staff of fully qualified English

medical officers, or a staff of Chinese

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European doctor, whose duty it is to see

that a correct record is kept of the cause of

death. As the Chinese have an objection

to the sick dying in their own homes

and large numbers are taken to the Tung

Wah to die, it is likely that any contagious

disease introduced into the colony would

show itself there at once, and with a

European doctor in attendance the chance

of such a disease long escaping detection

is materially reduced. The system cannot

be considered complete, however, until a

correct record is kept of every death in the

colony, whether occurring in the hospitals

or elsewhere. Attention was, markedly

drawn to this subject in 1890 by a discussion

which took place at the Sanitary Board with

reference to two deaths which had been

entered in typhus. Both cases had been

attended by Chinese practitioners and the

name they gave to the disease was *chik fan*, or

"spotted fever," which according to an

old form was translated as typhus. No

mention was made of bubonic in connection

with these cases, but it seems improbable

that they may have been cases of plague.

It was stated by the medical authorities

at the time that there was no trace

of typhus in the colony, but the actual nature

of the disease never was discovered. Dr.

Lowson, in his report on the plague of last

year, says that at the beginning of the

epidemic almost all the Chinese who contracted

the disease showed small red spots about the

size of a pin's head. The name, "spotted fever,"

might therefore be taken to cover a

number of diseases, and seeing that the disease

was for a good many years past both

Chinese and English names for it were

not used, it would not be surprising if

occasional cases had been introduced into the

colony before the painful experience of last

year, and as the disease was not

prevalent, it is not probable that it was

noticed. The plague of 1894 was present

in Hongkong last year, a long time before

the fact was officially known. No better

proof than this could have been given of the

necessity of a system of correctly

registering the causes of all deaths

occurring in the colony. The Medical

Committee have recommended that a

trial be made of Mr. McCullagh's scheme, and it

is to be hoped there will be no unnecessary

delay in giving effect to the recommendation.

The Committee consider it highly desirable

that a Government dispensary should be

established at Kowloon, which district is

at present without either a qualified private

medical practitioner or a dispensary for the

sale of European drugs; and, if the

experiment proves successful, they recom-

mend the general extension of the scheme

to the colony. In addition to his duties in

the dispensary the Committee consider that

the Chinese dispenser should be required to

make himself acquainted with and give early

information of the existence of any epidemic

disease and to enquire into the cause of any

suspicious deaths for the information of the

Registrar-General. The information may not

prove a success, but it is well worth a trial.

The delivery of the French mail was begun at

1.50 p.m. yesterday.

For working a horse entering from an open

car driver was yesterday fined \$10 by Mr.

Webster.

M. Chavassieux, Secretary-General to the

Government of Tonkin, died on the 7th inst.

from a severe attack of fever.

The Treasurer of the Kowloon Institute

Building Fund has been elected with thanks

the sum of \$75.45 received from Capt. A. Miller.

It is reported that at the last meeting of the

Japanese Currency Investigation Committee at

the Finance Department, it was decided that

it was necessary and desirable to change the

present currency system.

Mr. C. J. Holliday has resigned his seat on

the Board of the Hongkong and Shanghai

Bank on his departure from the Colony. Mr.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

(SUPPLIED TO THE "DAILY PRESS.")

FRANCE AND THE CHINA-JAPAN

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THE AUSTRALIAN MAIL.

The following telegrams are from Australian

papers received by the C. N. Co.'s steamer

Chongchui—

THE "REINA REGINA" 11th May.

Information has just been received that a

number of natives from the Spanish archipelago

Reina Regia, which was wrecked on the coast

of the Philippines, have been rescued and are

being taken to Manila. It is stated that the

natives were in a very poor state of health

and were suffering from various diseases.

THE "REINA REGINA" 11th May.

There is great rejoicing in Manila at the

rescue of the natives from the Spanish archipelago.

THE "REINA REGINA" 11th May.

The natives from the Spanish archipelago

Reina Regia, which was wrecked on the coast







